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THE ILLINOIS MILITIA.

Governor Tanner and the State Officers in Secret Session.

Springfield, April 2.—Governor Tanner and officers of the state militia are in a secret conference. It can only be learned that the time for enlistment in the National Guard has been extended to the 15th inst.

A High Water Episode.

A queer exchange of parents and children was made in the families of a fox and a cat by the members of the family of Mr. Batchelder, living in the western part of Macon county, last Sunday. On Mr. Batchelder's farm there was an old house which had been used through the winter as a shelter for the sheep. Last Sunday when the high waters were running deep and strong around the house it was noticed by the family that some kind of an animal was making a desperate effort to reach the old house, but the current proved too strong and the animal was finally carried away and drowned. Two days later when the waters had abated an investigation proved that the animal seen was a fox and that her efforts to reach the house were made because of four baby foxes which were found in the house in a starving condition. The high waters had been no less kind to the pet cat belonging to the family and had carried away her family of kittens. The baby foxes were taken to the house and placed under the care of the cat, who adopted them at once and is caring for them in the most devoted and motherly manner.

Roads Much Improved.

The country roads are rapidly improving and are now in a fairly good condition compared to what they were. The hard rains seem to have beaten down the roads and for the past few days they have been rapidly drying. In a short time if there are no more rains the farmers will be able to do hauling.

Money Causes Murder.

London, April 2.—James Tuttle, manager of the Wesley Stock Company, was shot on the stage of the Auditorium last night by W. D. Emerson, the leading man, the result of a dispute over unpaid salary.

Butchery.

Hongkong, April 2.—The rising of the Colinas in the Zambales has been subdued. The troops killed thousands of Indians, including hundreds of women and children.

Bank Statement.

New York, April 2.—The weekly bank statement shows the banks hold \$57,720,000 in excess of the legal requirement. The reserve increased \$1,399,000; loans decreased \$1,317,000; deposits decreased \$3,418,000.

English Demand.

Peking, April 2.—The British minister has laid before the Chinese foreign office the British demand for compensatory concessions for the purpose of maintaining a balance of power in the east.

Zola's Case.

Paris, April 2.—The court of cassation has quashed the sentence of one year imprisonment and the 1000 franc fine imposed upon Emile Zola, but has not ordered a new trial.

The Play.

"The Cherry Pickers" drama was given at the Grand last night. It was a success and was well received by the audience. The scenic effects were in keeping with the location of the action of the story, being in India.

Meeting at Wesley.

The meeting of the Epworth League of Wesley chapel last night was in charge of the missionary committee of the League. Mrs. A. W. Conklin gave a paper on home missions and a musical program was given.

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THE FORAKER PLAN TO BE ACCEPTED

BRANN-DAVIS DUEL. Editor of the Texas Iconoclast Fatally Punctured by Bullets.

Waco, Tex., April 2.—In the midst of busy preparations for city election meetings, while bands were playing and scattering handbills from their decorated vans calling the people together, W. C. Brann, editor of the Iconoclast, and Captain M. T. Davis met and fought a doubly fatal duel with revolvers. The combatants met at 6 o'clock last evening on South Fourth street, in front of the Cotton Belt ticket office, and, after exchanging a few words, both drew and began emptying their revolvers into each other's bodies. When the battle was over Brann was found to be shot in the left lung, the left leg and the right foot. Davis was shot through the right lung and through both of his arms. The surgeons say both men will die. The cause for the duel was the publication in Brann's free lance paper of statements reflecting on the morality of Captain Davis' daughter.

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Merry-Go-Round Club Entertained.

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pedestal, appeared a gilded lion, holding in his paws the Spanish escutcheon on a trophy of national flags. Behind the lion, whose eyes flashed electric light, were other groups, including models of caravels Pinta, Nina and Santa Maria, faithful reproductions of the vessels with which Columbus discovered America.

The names Alfonso XII. and Alfonso XIII. appeared on the face of another pedestal bearing the figure of a matron representing Spain, whose guards were marines with bayonets and cannon at the base of the pedestal. A group of legendary heroes offering laurel was disposed around and a scene of tents represented a camp with 200 soldiers marching in their accoutrements to the strains of the national hymn.

Above the stage was a luminous projection upon which was inscribed, "Long Live Spain."

As the curtain rose upon this tableau the audience broke into tremendous cheering.

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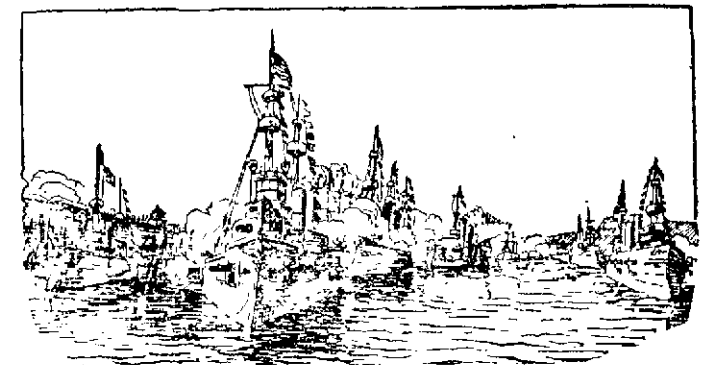
Will, It is Said, Make No Further Concessions to This Country.

Madrid, April 2.—The most important comment on the situation is that of the ministerial journal, El Liberal, which may be looked upon as undoubtedly reflecting the position of the Spanish government. The paper says: "We have done all we can to remove a pretext for a rupture. If President McKinley refuses our concessions, we, with a quiet conscience, will await any trials which may come and defend our honor and our rights. The entire nation supports the government. This was the meaning of yesterday evening's enthusiasm. Rich and poor are working together. No one asks whether the sum collected goes for war ships. It suffices to know that it will be employed to rebut any foreign pressure. Spain must no longer live under the continual menace and unrest of the past three years. There must be no more debating or haggling. Even rupture is preferred. Intervention is de facto even now. We desire and appeal for peace, but the limit of our long suffering is at an end. We will not be the aggressors, but we will defend our rights with our traditional tenacity and bravery."

Indescribable Enthusiasm Manifested at the Benefit Performance.

Madrid, April 2.—The rush for seats for the performance at the Royal theatre in behalf of the Spanish navy was enormous. The Queen paid 50,000 pesetas (\$10,000) for a box, the Spanish ministry paid 50,000 pesetas for boxes, several capitalists are taking stalls at 150,000 pesetas, the Countess Bornois paid 100,000 pesetas, the Marquis Lagunas paid 25,000 pesetas, the Bank of Spain paid 500,000 pesetas, and other organizations and individuals paid enormous sums.

At 7 o'clock in the evening every seat sold had yielded more than 614,000 pesetas, including 250,000 pesetas from the Marquis Villamejor, but many important amounts are not included in the total. The house was crowded and the



The North Atlantic Squadron of the United States Navy.

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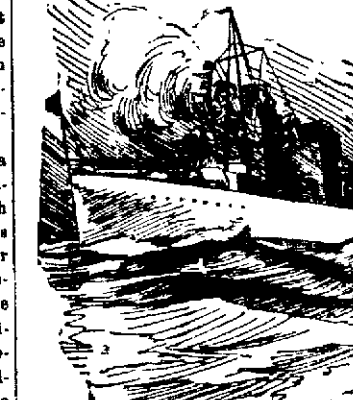
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Torpedo Boat Destroyers of the United States Navy.

A Side Show Romance.

-BY-
ELISABETH PULLEN.

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SYNOPSIS.

Nahum Pingree is a native of Maine. He is of a roving disposition and has always cared more for the life of the lumber camps and for the hunting ground than that of his native town, North Vienna. One summer he obtains work as cook with "G. Washington Simmon's Aggregation of Talent and Chivalric Parade." Pingree finds the circus life congenial and is a great success as a cook. Of all the troupe, Mille Jumbo, the Fat Woman (height, 5 feet 11 inches, weight, 487 pounds; age, 25 years) is his best friend.

Mille Jumbo—Mary Ellen Stebbins in private life—is also a native of Maine. There soon comes to Nahum Pingree a longing for a home of his own, and he realizes that he is in love with Mary Ellen. She receives his proposal kindly, but tells him that what he wishes for would not be suitable. They will always be, she says, the kindest of friends. Nahum is disappointed, but is very grateful for what she has told him.

PART II.

When Nahum Pingree learned that the bill-poster was to be sent ahead to North Vienna, he gave to the man a letter which, presented at the hillside farm, would be good for a meal or two and the privilege of sticking posters on the side of the barn visible from the road. How interested Nahum's mother and sister Amanda would be to admire those posters, especially the portrait of Mary Ellen Stebbins, whose size and coloring were not at all understated by the artist!

Nahum had already written discreetly to them of his friendship with Mary Ellen; in answer to close questions from his sister, he had confessed that he had asked the Fat Woman to marry him and she had refused to do so. His mother and Amanda had been much relieved at this news, and yet a little angry with Mary Ellen. "Seems as though nobody could say 'no' to our boy; she must be kind of hard-hearted," remarked the mother.

"Most too much of a good thing, to marry a Fat Woman," sniffed Amanda, with a toss of the head. They did not suspect poor Mary Ellen's sacrifice to her idea of the eternal fitness of things.

Meanwhile the thought of the visit to North Vienna was a great pleasure to Nahum Pingree; he liked to anticipate the day when he would show the sights of the circus to his mother and Amanda; his old acquaintances, who had known him from undisturbed boyhood would view him with awe as one of the Chivalric Aggregation, whose nod or sign was a free pass into the side-show tent to "See the Wonders of Nature," as advertised on the canvas outside.

"What a lazy sort of a morning!" said Nahum Pingree, to one of the circus hands, as they stood on the platform of the North Vienna railway station, ready to proceed through the village to their tent ground. It was one of those July dawns, unrefreshed and close, when even the morning breeze yields to the general disinclination to arise. The men and women were yawning uncomfortably, with pale faces and heavy eyes after the hot night in the cars; the animals were depressed. Only the camel appeared to like the weather; he thrust his unbeautiful nose upward as if sniffing the wind of the desert and broke into a shambling and uneven center, at the head of the procession. Nahum Pingree, walking beside the Fat Woman, scanned the crowd with the corners of his eyes; now and then he exchanged greetings with the townspeople, who nudged each other and stared at Miss Stebbins.

"Nahum's girl ain't a-pining for anybody else," observed a man of the crowd.

"Awful, to be so much bigger than other people," said the thin little milliner, perched on the doorstep of her shop.

A painful blush traveled over Mary Ellen's vast person, and became visible above the white ruffling of the collar of her dress.

The circus tents were pitched in the middle of a great shadeless field of sun-seared grass. The day grew hotter and hotter; a curious stillness prevailed, in which the noises of the show people at once seemed out of place and unimportant. The horses drew together in bunches, as if comparing notes as to which of them was hottest and had the most flies on him; the tiger paced back and forth in his cage, cursing in a rough undertone; only the camel kept up his spirits, even when he was hit on the nose with a hairbrush for poking it into the dressing tent where the girls were quarrelling over their turns at the small cracked looking-glass.

Mary Ellen Stebbins swayed a palm-leaf fan, and panted as she took her seat on the dais in the side-show fastness; she spoke to the tiger, with whom she had a sort of one-sided friendship. "Poor kitty, you feel the heat too, don't you? We shall all be glad of a change of weather."

Then came Nahum Pingree, proud, with a short, stout, elderly woman on one arm and a tall, thin girl on the other.

"Make you acquainted with my mother and sister, Miss Stebbins," he announced.

There was time for only a few minutes of talk before they must take their seats for the performance, but

Ten thousand demons gnawing away at one's vitality couldn't be much worse than the torture of itching piles. Yet there's a cure. Doan's Ointment never fails. Sold by all druggists.



"MAKE YOU ACQUAINTED WITH MY MOTHER AND SISTER, MISS STEBBINS."

they made the most of it. Mary Ellen recited her weight, height and age, and gave her photograph to Amanda Pingree.

The mother admitted that, at first, it had been quite a shock to her that Nahum had joined the circus, and now she didn't see how anybody could cook out of doors; for her part, she had to be right in her own kitchen, with all her things round her, to do anything right. Amanda said very little; her little fancy was stirred, looking from one to the other of the girls, so near her own age, one winding up snakes like so many yards of ribbon, and Miss Stebbins, who earned her living by being stared at, because she was as large as four ordinary young women. And brother Nahum wanted to marry that freak! Amanda meant to detest poor Mary Ellen, but could not help liking her, because Mary Ellen's heart was so big, even in proportion to the rest of her; one could not help seeing that. So when Nahum's mother had said good-by and shaken hands, and Amanda had craned over the dais to kiss Mary Ellen, and then Nahum had taken them away to the large tent, the Fat Woman was left with a happy sense of new friendships.

From the main pavilion came a great clanging burst of music—Mary Ellen knew that the cavalcade was making its entrance. The band sounded even brasher than usual, that sultry afternoon. There was loud applause, pierced by the cries of vendors of pink lemonade and fresh popcorn.

How heavy the air was! Mary Ellen was drowsy, with her eyes fixed on the corner of the door-curtain. She heard far off the tinkle of the tambourine played by Miss Alaska, the educated seal, and the whining sounds of pleasure when the creature was rewarded with a bit of raw fish. More applause. Then the snake charmer finished packing her pets into a small black trunk, took the sharp elbow offered by the Living Skeleton, and, followed by the Tattooed Man, went out to see the new turn that the clown was to try for the first time on an audience.

The door curtain fell behind them. The atmosphere troubled the placid nerves of the Fat Woman; she rubbed her heavy eyelids. It seemed to her that the edge of the curtain began to sway and puff inward; then all at once a furious wind filled the tent. The tiger started forward, bristling as if before an enemy; his snarl was answered by the bear. The wind howled louder than the beasts. The canvas flapped, the guy-ropes strained, and the pole staggered. The sound of the brazen music was only heard by snatches; then it stopped. There were noises of breaking and tearing as the door curtain blew horizontally into the tent.

Mary Ellen saw a great strip of canvas fly past. People were pouring out of the main pavilion in a panic, struggling, calling to one another, screaming as they were thrown down in the press. Mary Ellen caught a glimpse of Nahum Pingree, dragging his frightened woman into the open field; then she lost sight of them. Horses were neighing and plunging; some broke loose and ran; the crowd got out of their way as they could.

Then the hurricane stopped for one instant—that seemed long—to take its breath. Then came an awful blast—Mary Ellen seemed to herself to have known for years that it would be like that—the canvas roof sagged and surged, the pole pitched and fell with a crash; then it seemed to the Fat Woman that the skies were falling and, incidentally, herself and the tigers' cage.

When she came to herself she was dimly conscious of a pain in her shoulder and of a sound of scratching near by, as if a rat of forty-horse power were trying to make his way through a wall. A hot and fetid breath puffed over her face. Mary Ellen opened her eyes and saw that the tigers' jaws and claws were within arm's length of her person.

Luckily, the cage was not broken. The bars held firm, so that the beast could only thrust his hooked nails between; with these he was digging furiously at the wood of the dais.

Mary Ellen tried to move away from



"COME, AMANDA, MAKE YOURSELF USEFUL."

her angry neighbor, but found herself pinned down by the cage, which had fallen upon her gown in such a way that she could not even remove the dress to free herself. She felt the power of the tiger's gaze; she was suffocated by its breath, and lost herself in a sort of trance.

The next that she knew she was in the good fresh air, her head lay softly pillowed; a woman was sobbing near her. It was Nahum's voice that said: "Come, Amanda, brace up and make yourself useful." And in that moment Mary Ellen knew that he had rescued her; how, she did not care; enough that he had done it. She heard a professional voice diagnose a broken collar-bone and various contusions that she vaguely supposed to be hers, and then, Amanda's mournful response: "Think of that awful tiger!" The girl stroked Mary Ellen's damp hair. "Poor dear," she lamented, "such a shock!"

The Fat Woman smiled patiently: "It was trying to me and tantalizing to the tiger," she observed.

It was not to be thought of that Mary Ellen should travel with the circus; nor would Mrs. Pingree hear of her being cared for at the noisy, uncomfortable tavern. So the Fat Woman was accommodated on a hayrack with a mattress and pillows; Amanda sat by her side plying the palm-leaf fan; Nahum and his mother went before with the old white mare and light wagon that had brought the women from the hill farm. The tornado had passed, the sky was clear and the air cool, and under the brilliant July sunlight the two vehicles, escorted by all the youth and most of the elders of the town, moved toward the Pingree homestead.

Three weeks later, Nahum Pingree, on the return tour of the circus, looked eagerly out of the window as the car drew up for a five minutes' stop for wood at North Vienna station. He had had from time to time short letters from Amanda, of the stiff, rustic, uncommunicative sort. He had made out from these that Mary Ellen had been very ill of a nervous fever, that she was much better, though still "pretty slim" (which in Maine dialect does not necessarily refer to dimensions, but rather to the degree of vigor of the patient). So he pictured her to himself much as usual, perhaps pale and languid, but ready to fill her place in the side-show tent.

A woman stood on the platform; she looked taller than Amanda, but by no means stout enough for Mary Ellen. Yet by her side was a yellow trunk marked M. E. S. She turned her face, looking toward the cars. It was Mary Ellen's, and Nahum was beside her in a moment.

"You see I am ready for work again," she told him, cheerfully. "But I don't know whether they will pay me more than half now." She looked consciously and comprehensively at her brown wool bodice, which had been taken in at every seam.

"Why, Miss Stebbins, how you have felled away!" exclaimed Nahum. Then he pressed his advantage. "You're no kind of a freak now, Mary dear. That tiger has scared you right into being my wife—they don't want you in the show. And I want you for Mrs. Pingree as quick as the parson will marry us, by thunder!"

"Don't, don't, Nahum," she protested. "People will notice us, and I weigh 290 pounds now—"

"I tip the beam at 240," he answered, "and there ain't no 50 pounds on this earth shall stand in the way of our happiness. You know you allowed that you kind of liked me, Mary Ellen."

So it was that he took her by storm, by a sort of moral tornado that blew down her tent of self-control; and then, as before, she knew that he had carried her out of the side-show, and then, finally, So Nahum stayed over a train, the pair were wedded, and then Nahum, leading his wife with his mother, rejoined the troupe in time to cook their supper. He explained the case to the manager, obtained release from his contract as chef of the Chivalric Aggregation, and retired into private life.

Their home is a log cabin, chinked with moss, beside one of the fish-haunted lakes of northern Maine. Amid that vast environment of the wilderness of tall pines, "fit for the mast of some great admiral," below towering granite crags, at the verge of wide waters where the monstrous moose and caribou come to drink, Mary Ellen Pingree appears, no freak, but only the primal woman, generous of stature and of heart.

And they keep a first-class hunting camp.

THE END.

A little boy asked for a bottle of "got up in the morning as fast as you can, the druggist recognized a household name for 'DeWitt's Little Early Balm,' and gave him a bottle of those famous little pills for constipation, liver and stomach troubles. H. W. Bell.

Mary Ellen tried to move away from

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REPUBLICAN TICKET.

Township Election, April 5.

For Supervisor—James Hollinger,
Jacob Haues, W. J. Magee.
Town Clerk—A. H. Cope.
Assessor—W. W. Foster.
Collector—Cass Nicholson.
Commissioner—Henry Ammann.
Constable—Fred Miller.
Roadmaster—Greenberry Martin.

ALDERMANIC ELECTION, APR. 19

First Ward.....Charles F. Shilling
Second Ward.....H. C. Anthony
Third Ward.....G. F. DeWitt
Fourth Ward.....Wm. T. Peake
Fifth Ward.....Henry Keas
Sixth Ward.....Jacob Weigand
Seventh Ward.....J. Frank Davis

WEATHER.

Chicago, April 2.—Illinois: Generally
fair tonight and Sunday, becoming un-
settled Sunday night; warmer in the
north tonight; warmer Sunday; variable
winds.

War.

It now looks like war. The president
has done all in his power to settle our
troubles with Spain without war, but his
efforts at last seem to be in vain and that
war is the only alternative. There are
those who have severely criticised the
course of the president, some even going
so far as to question his patriotism. It is
generally conceded that we all have a
right to look at everything that don't con-
form with our notions of things, but there
are two classes of people who indulge in
questioning the president's patriotism,
who are not in a very proper position to
do such a thing. They are the class of
men who were old enough and physically
able to have volunteered in the civil war
and defend the government on the field
of battle where lives were shot out of
brave Americans by the thousands. A
man who did not show his patriotism in
the days of the civil war when the ques-
tion of the salvation of our own country
was at stake is not in a very enviable po-
sition to flag his patriotism by attacks
on McKinley, when we are engaged in
trying to get satisfaction out of Spain.
The other class consists of men who not
only did not shoulder a musket to defend
the flag and the Union, but did all in
their power to embarrass the administra-
tion in its effort to put down the rebel-
lion. This class by their conduct then
are not in position now to charge the
president with a lack of patriotism now.
The fellow who was not willing to fight
for his country in the sixties is not in
very good business now when he abuses
the president for not jumping onto Spain.

The Democratic leaders are circulating
the story that certain Republican leaders
whom they name are conspiring to defeat
part of the Republican township ticket.
The story is probably a campaign dodge,
but if it proves true the facts will be
known in time and all such party leaders
will have to answer for their treachery.

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ward for any case of Catarrh that can-
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If you have, you probably need a re-
liable medicine like Foley's Honey and
Tar to heal your lungs and stop the
racking cough incidental to this disease.
H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone, W. H. Hub-
bard.

Tommy Lawless will study law at
Paxton, having given up school teaching
at Colton.

KIDNEY DISEASES are the most
fatal of all diseases. Foley's Kidney
Cure is a guaranteed remedy or money re-
funded. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone, W. H.
Hubbard.

Great damage was done by the flood to
Danville coal mines, and one mine will
not be opened till next fall.

J. A. Scott, son of Mayor Scott of
Champaign, and Miss Agnes Jones were
married March 24 at Buffalo, N. Y.

THORNS TO SIT UPON.

Many people gather thorns by failing
to heed the warning sent out by dis-
eased kidneys—coated tongue—parched
skin—feverishness—dull, dragging pain
—general feeling of weariness—is sure
evidence of kidney and bladder trouble.
Take Utah Kidney Beans at once—they
will cure you—they have cured thou-
sands of others. THE TURNERS OF PHIL-
ADELPHIA make Utah Kidney Beans.

E. B. Sampson, County Clerk of Hickman
county, Clinch, Kentucky, testifies that he
suffered for years with horrible pains in the
back, kidneys and bladder—was treated by many
physicians—nothing helped him—until he got
that he could hardly stand alone—Utah Kidney
Beans, he says, completely cured him. He
gladly recommends them to all sufferers.

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SUNDAY SERVICES.

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,
Corner of West Eldorado and Monroe streets.
Rev. A. W. Hawkins pastor. Sunday school at
9:30 a. m. Preaching at 10:45 a. m. and 7:30
p. m. Theme: Morning, "Human Degeneracy
and Divine Deliverance." Evening, "The Scene
at Kadish-Barnea." Endeavor service at 6:30
p. m.

FIRST M. E. CHURCH.
First Craft Pastor—Class meeting at 8:45 a. m.
Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Frank Ewing
Supt. Public worship at 10:45 a. m. and 7:30
p. m. Sermons by the pastor. Services appropri-
ate to Palm Sunday. Junior Endeavor at 3:30
p. m. Intermediate Endeavor at 5:30 p. m.

CHURCH OF GOD.
Corner of North Water and Cerro Gordo
streets. J. Bernard pastor. Preaching at 10:30
a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Morning subject, "United
Kings." Evening, "Faithfulness." Followed
by communion service. Sunday school at 9:30
a. m. Y. P. S. C. E. at 6:30 p. m.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
W. H. Penhale pastor. Sunday school at
9:30 a. m. A. H. Miller, Supt. Services
at 10:45 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. The pastor will
preach both morning and evening. Y. P. S. C.
E. at 6:30 p. m.

COLLEGE STREET CHAPEL.
Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. J. K. Love, Supt.
YESTERDAY CHAPEL.
Corner of Main street and Hancock avenue.
Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. P. P. Laughton,
Supt.

CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST.
Sunday services April 4, 1898, at 10:30 a. m.
Subject of Lesson sermon: "The Bread of
Life." Sunday school at 11:30 a. m. Friday
evening testimonial service at 7:45. All wel-
come. Review Building, second floor front,
corner North Main and Hancock streets.

ST. PETER'S A. M. E. CHURCH.
R. J. M. Long, D. D. pastor. 10:45 a. m. and
7:30 p. m. Rev. J. Will King of Springfield will
preach. Morning subject, "The Holy Spirit."
Evening, "Not Horses and Chariots
but the Lord." Sunday school at 2:30 p. m.
Christian Endeavor at 6:30 p. m.

ST. FRANCIS COURT No. 10 will celebrate Palm
Sunday at this church at 3 p. m. Sermon by R.
J. M. Long.

KREMER'S HALL.
Gospel meetings every night in Kremer's Hall,
corner West King and Monroe streets. All are
made welcome. Meeting begins at 7:45 p. m.
preaching Sundays at 2 p. m. Sunday School at
3:30. Y. P. S. C. E. in defense of the whole truth. W.
H. Oberhauser, Anna Oberhauser.

CENTURY A. M. E. CHURCH.
The Century A. M. E. church, corner of N.
Broadway and Eldorado streets. N. B. Spayd,
pastor. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. W. F. Mont-
gomery, Supt. Preaching at 10:45 a. m. and 7:30
p. m. Reopening sermon in the morning by the
pastor. Communion in the evening, sermon by
Rev. J. A. P. King, presiding elder. Platform
meeting at 3 p. m.

CHRISTIAN TABERNACLE.
Church street, between Eldorado and North.
Rev. Geo. F. Hall pastor. Prof. M. S. Calvin,
Musical Director. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m.
Earl Merritt, Supt. Morning sermon and
Communion at 10:45 a. m. Junior C. E. at 3
p. m. Senior C. E. at 5:30 p. m. Evening ser-
mon at 7:30 p. m. Subject, "Glimpse of Heaven."
Special music by the choir of 125 voices. Pastor
Hall's last Sunday home before month's lecture
trip through the Southern States.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.
Corner North Water and East North streets.
Rev. S. H. Boyer, Pastor. Sunday School at
9:30 a. m. Preaching at 10:45 a. m. and 7:30
p. m. Preaching morning and evening at the usual
hours. Junior Endeavor at 4:30. Intermediate
Endeavor at 6:30.

EAST PARK CHAPEL.
Sabbath school at East Park Mission, 215 J.
Edward street, superintendent. Services at
Chapel each Tuesday evening.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.
Corner Church and Eldorado streets. Rev.
W. C. Miller, pastor. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m.
Morning service at 10:45. Evening service at
7:30. Subject, "Patriotism as It Should Be."
Y. P. S. C. E. at 6:30 p. m.

MAYFLOWER MISSION school, corner
West Green and Duham streets, at 2:30 p. m.

EDWARD STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST.
Corner West William and Edward streets.
Rev. Marion Stevenson pastor. Sunday school
at 9:30 a. m. E. March, Supt. Morning ser-
mon: "The Kingdom." Evening: "The Lamb
that was Slain." Junior C. E. at 2:30 p. m. Y.
P. S. C. E. at 6:30 p. m.

LESLAND AVENUE School at 9:15 a. m.

SAINT JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH.
Rev. W. Bedford-Jones minister in charge.
Palm Sunday services. Sunday school at 9:30
a. m. Holy Communion at 9 a. m. Morning
prayer, sermon and second communion at
10:30 a. m. No evening services.

FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH.
Corner of North Main and William streets.
Rev. Frank C. Cherry, pastor. Sunday school at
9:15 a. m. Dr. N. D. Myers, Supt. Confirma-
tion service at 10:30. Evening service at 7:30.

Discovered by a Woman.

Another great discovery has been
made, and that too by a lady in this
country. "Disease fastened its clutches
upon her and for seven years she with-
stood its severest tests, but her vital
organs were undermined and death
seemed imminent. For three months
she continued incessantly, and could not
sleep. She finally discovered a way to
recovery, by purchasing of us a bottle
of Dr. King's New Discovery for Con-
sumption, and was so much relieved on
taking first dose that she slept all
night; and with two bottles has been
absolutely cured. Her name is Mrs.
Mrs. Luther Lutz." Thus writes W. C.
Hammick & Co., of Shelby, N. C. Trial
bottles 10c at J. E. King's and C. F.
Shilling's Drug Stores. Regular size
50c and \$1.00. Every bottle guaran-
teed.

The "Labor party" of Kenney will
nominate as candidates in the village elec-
tion persons, pledged to graving the
streets and other public improvements.

Booklet's Arizona Salve.

The Best Salve in the world for Cuts
Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum,
Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands,
Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions
and positively cures Piles, or no pay re-
quired. It is guaranteed to give perfect
satisfaction, or money refunded. Price
25 cents per box. For sale by J. E.
King and C. F. Shilling.

MARKETS.

FURNISHED BY B. Z. TAYLOR.

CHICAGO, ILL., April 2.

Wheat—	Open- ing.	High- est.	Low- est.	Clos- ing.	Yes- terday
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MISHAPS OF ANIMALS.

Wild Quadrupeds Which Are Most Liable to Accidents.

Among wild quadrupeds, only the ruminants with large horns and long limbs seem commonly liable to accidents. Cases of stag dying with interlocked antlers are recorded from time to time, and Buckland gives an account of a curious accident which befell a big stag in Windsor forest. The poor beast had been standing on its hind legs to nibble leaves from a thorn-tree, and caught its hoof in a fork in the trunk. This threw it on its back and broke the bone. Though red deer are in this country mainly found wild on mountainous ground, we much doubt if they are really a mountain species, or specially clever on rocky ground. Mr. J. G. Mills mentions one pass where the horns of deer that have missed their footing and fallen down the crags may frequently be seen. Broken limbs are very common, even among park stags, generally due to fights in rutting time. This must all lead to the death of deer in all districts where large carnivora are found; but the astonishing way in which broken bones, or even worse injuries received by wild animals, cure themselves if the creature is let alone, shows that the most serious accidents need not lead to death, even if left to nature. The most striking recent instance is the case of a doe antelope at Leonardslee, which smashed its hind leg high up, and so badly that the bone protruded. It would have been shot, but it was observed to be feeding, as if not in pain. It survived the winter and was seen to swing the injured leg forward to scratch its ear before the bone set. The fracture reduced itself, and the cut skin grew over the place, leaving a scar. Later, though lame, it was perfectly well, and reared a young one. A tiger, recently killed in the hot weather, had a bullet wound a week old which had smashed its shoulder. This wound, though a very bad one, was perfectly healthy, and there was evidence that since it was inflicted the tiger had eaten no flesh, but only drank water. In the Waterloo cup coursing in 1886, "Miss Glendyne" and "the runner-up" for the cup were shipped at a hare which went wild and strong. When killed after a good course by the two crack grayhounds, it was found to have only three feet. This may be compared with the account of a collie dog, recently quoted in the papers, which had one forefoot and one hind foot cut off by a reaping machine, but which still manages to help with the flock. Dogs, which ought to be little liable to accidents, are very frequent sufferers, largely from their association with man and intense desire to participate in all his doings. One of their commonest mishaps arises from their love of riding in carts. They become quite clever at scrambling or jumping in, but are not "built" for jumping down on a hard road. If the cart moves as they make their spring, the danger is increased, and forelegs broken, usually just below the shoulder, are very commonly seen. Dogs also have dangerous falls when on the ground, accidents usually only ascribed to hiped and horses. A greyhound going at full speed will trip, fly head over heels, and break a leg or even its neck. "Master Mistruth" in 1870 went through the rotten ice of the river, from which Alcear takes its name, and following the hare, and nearly dived from the cliffs. But the strange thing about the matter was the case of a sister which "tripped" over a flagstone. The dog, a large, heavy, and fat, was running at high speed in a field of things planted in rows. As it passed the fence, its hind feet struck something, and it nearly turned a somersault. The object was a squaring of a ditch, which the dog flew over in a direction, quietly settled off in the other direction. Spectator.

BUYING WIVES.

How Settlers in the Hudson Bay Region Secured Helpmates.

In the old days, when the English-speaking race were gradually spreading themselves over the world, the men who settled in out-of-the-way places either had to live a bachelor life or content themselves with a wife from the native population of the country in which they had taken up their abode. The old Hudson bay factors were confronted with this difficulty when they wished to become benefactors, and often married Indian girls. These wives they acquired by purchase, in accordance with the red Indian custom. A gun, a colored blanket, or a twist of tobacco would secure a most desirable squaw in those days. The wife was certainly obtainable at a reasonable price, but these early traders found the possession of a red Indian wife an expensive luxury. In bad times, which they often experienced in those cold regions, the husband was looked upon to feed all the wife's near relations. The number of these relations was astonishing, and the poor trader found it rather expensive to supply food to a small tribe of Indians, who claimed themselves to be "near" relations of his wife.

Many of them, however, did not care to marry the Indian maidens to be found near their posts, and, seeing how expensive their companions found them, they petitioned the company to select wives for them and send them out by the next boat. Their wishes were invariably complied with, and the selections, as a rule, were perfectly satisfactory. Among the archives of the Hudson Bay company are to be found receipts from factors running something like the following:

"Received, per Lapwing, Jane Goody, as per invoice, in good condition," and "Received, per Osprey, Matilda Timbina. Returned per Lapwing, as not being in accordance with description contained in invoice."—London Tit-Bits.

—The average amount of sickness in human life is nine days out of the year.

SHE HAD A DREAM

Saw the Hour of Death on the Dial.

How She Turned Back the Hand of Fate—"Box 475."

This is her story: the true story of a well known resident of Springfield. She believed, as so many women believe, that fate controlled her life, her fortune and her future. She had been unhappy a long time. She had suffered a long time. She had vainly sought help here, there and yonder. Day distressed her. Night no longer refreshed her, but brought only dismal slumber haunted by frightful dreams. It was the hand of fate, she said. She grew pale, fretful, haggard and tired of life. She drifted, drifted on into that wilderness of woman's woes that has driven thousands of her suffering sisters to the verge of self-destruction. Finally she came to look upon death alone as a source of relief. She hoped for it; longed



for it. She courted the fateful hour. One night she awoke with a start. She dreamed that when the hand on the dial of the clock should point to the third hour of morning she would die. Often she had suffered agonies and wished for death, but now it was so sudden, so near, so very near! In that moment life became inexpressibly dear. How long had she to live? With a cry she sprang from her bed and ran to the clock. It lacked ten minutes of three. Only a few minutes more of life! With frenzied haste she grasped the hand of the clock and pushed it back, back, back from the fateful number. Then she stopped and almost swooned—but no, the tick of the clock should not make a coward of her. She would die at the fated hour—fate had decreed it, but a few moments still remained. In that time she would take leave of those dear to her. Rushing to her writing desk she seized her pen and attempted to write a note of farewell. It was useless. Words failed her. The blank sheet swam before her. Desperately she turned her eyes from it to a newspaper that lay near at hand. In an instant her gaze was riveted by the letters which are printed below from Mrs. Anna Tuggle of Cherokee City, Ark.

Mrs. Emma Snyder, Box 475, Ames, N. Y. The reading of these letters brought new hope, new desire to live. She would make one more effort. She also would turn back the hand of fate and become a healthy, happy woman. That very hour she began the struggle. That very morning she began to use Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription and today there is no happier woman—no happier wife and mother—in all Springfield. This one woman is a type of thousands who suffer and submit in silence to the appalling fate which they, too, consider inevitable. For them all there is hope. For them all there is help. Let them

"Breathe the blows of circumstance And grapple with their evil star."

Let them resolutely turn back the hand of fate that, according to their overwrought imagination, is stretched out against them. Many a woman today is suffering hourly pain, and sees the hand of death on the dial of time who could be saved to a useful, happy life if by some means her attention could be drawn to the wonderful cures of woman's ailments wrought by Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. The difference between Dr. Pierce's treatment and all others is the difference between

EXPERIMENT AND EXPERIENCE.

A woman naturally shrinks from the experimental treatment which involves questioning and examinations that are repugnant to her delicacy and offensive to her modesty, and which at best result in mental misery and physical patch-work. And so she silently endures her suffering rather than submit to examinations and local treatment.

There is one man, and only one, who has responded to the cry of suffering womanhood, with practical discoveries—with practical advice—and that one man is Dr. R. V. Pierce of Buffalo, N. Y.

Just as Harvey stood alone as the discoverer of the circulation of the blood, and Jenner stood alone as the discoverer of vaccination, so Doctor Pierce stands alone in the matter of female ailments of every nature. Dr. Pierce's investigation of the cause and cure of female disorders led to the discovery of his "Favorite Prescription." It is a legally protected discovery—protected like the telephone and telegraph. It is protected by the U. S. government, not alone for the protection of the discoverer, but for the protection of the public from the base imitations that always follow a successful invention as the shadow follows the sun. In thirty years of practice as chief consulting physician to the Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute of Buffalo, N. Y.,

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BRIDE IN HER BLOOM

to the sad and sickly mother. Disease is sapping the strength. The bright eye becomes dull, and the healthy cheek grows pale and hollow, the smile gives place to the sigh, the feet drag, the upright carriage is lost and all the joy of motherhood and wifehood are changed to pain and sorrow.

The change that comes to women so afflicted after a course of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is marvelous. The gain is so gradual but so sure that as the days go by the returning strength is scarcely realized until emphasized by some unusual manifestation. One day, perhaps, the woman who dragged herself upstairs with her hand on her side finds she has run up the whole flight and stands looking back in wonder. Another day HER HUSBAND COMING HOME hears his wife's laughter blending with the happy shouts of children, and creeping in to find the wife and children romping on the floor. He looks with surprise. Is this the woman who could scarcely stoop to pick her shoes from the floor where they fell? Is this the woman whose nerves revolted when the children shouted at play? And so the record runs until life flows on in its right course through days of contented labor and nights of refreshing sleep. Children come at natural intervals and are welcomed, so light is their footfall into the world. They are hearty children of a hearty mother. They inherit a healthy constitution and the diseases that carry off so many sickly little ones pass them by, the germs finding no lodgment in such healthy bodies.

These wonders are worked by Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, because it bears a logical relation to the real need of the enfeebled and debilitated system. Nature is always struggling to build up the wasted and worn system. But she cannot make bricks without straw. The "Favorite Prescription" supplies the material that nature can use to repair the waste of the system and renew the vitality of the debilitated organs. When this is accomplished health comes along natural channels and comes to stay. Although every good druggist keeps Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription it sometimes happens that an attempt is made to substitute another remedy because it yields a larger profit. No substitute should be tolerated. If you ask for "Favorite Prescription" it is because tens of thousands of women have found health in its use. There is no other medicine that has such a record of cures. There is no other prescription specially for female disorders, put up by a regularly graduated physician who can point to so many thousands of cures. To accept a substitute is to take the shadow for the substance.

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William Riek of Kankakee, dependent over financial troubles, hanged himself Wednesday.

It is a great leap from the old-fashioned doses of blue-mass and nauseous physics to the pleasant little pills known as DeWitt's Little Early Risers. They cure constipation, sick headache and biliousness. H. W. Bell.

The murder trial of Mrs. Cora Hamilton of Taylorville is set for April 6.

Philip Weedman of Farmer City, sold 1314-pound cattle on the Chicago market Wednesday for \$5.

Thousands of sufferers from grippe have been restored to health by One Minute Cough Cure. It quickly cures coughs, colds, bronchitis, pneumonia, grippe, asthma and all throat and lung diseases. H. W. Bell.

SONG OF CAGED BIRDS.

It Loves Its Sweetness Apart from Its Associations.

I have never yet seen a caged bird that I wanted—at least, not on account of its song—nor a wild flower that I desired to transfer to my garden. A caged skylark will sing its song sitting on a bit of turf in the bottom of the cage; but you want to stop your ears, it is so harsh and shrill and penetrating. But up there against the morning sky, and above the wide expanse of fields, what delight we have in it! It is not the concord of sweet sounds; it is the soaring spirit of gladness and ecstasy running down upon us from "heaven's gate." Then, to the time and the place, if one could only add the association, or hear the bird through the vista of the years, the song touched with the magic of youthful memories!

A number of years ago a friend in England sent me a score of skylarks in a cage. I gave them their liberty in a field near my place. They drifted away, and I never heard from them or saw them again. But one Sunday a Scotchman from a neighboring city called upon me, and declared with visible excitement that on his way along the road he had heard a skylark. He was not dreaming; he knew it was a skylark, though he had not heard one since he had left the banks of the Doon, a quarter of a century or more before. What pleasure it gave him! How much more the song meant to him that it would have meant to me! For the moment he was on his native heath again. Then I told him about the larks I had liberated, and he seemed to enjoy it all over again with renewed appreciation.

Many years ago some skylarks were liberated on Long Island, and they became established there, and may now occasionally be heard in certain localities. One summer day a friend of mine was out there observing them; a lark was soaring and singing in the sky above him. An old Irishman came along, and suddenly stopped as if transfixed to the spot; a look of mingled delight and incredulity came into his face. Was he indeed hearing the bird of his youth? He took off his hat, turned his face skyward, and with moving lips and streaming eyes stood a long time regarding the bird. "Ah," my friend thought, "if I could only hear that song with his ears!" How it brought back his youth and all those long-gone days on his native hills! The power of birdsong over us is so much a matter of association. Hence it is that every traveler to other countries finds the feathered songsters of less merit than those he left behind. The traveler does not hear the birds in the same receptive, uncritical frame of mind as does the native; they are not in the same way the voices of the place and the season.—John Burroughs, in Century.

Unembarrassed.

"I thought," said the man who had been burned out, "that you told me this was a fire-proof safe."

"So it is," replied the traveling salesman. "If anybody doubts that you have had a fire, you can point to that safe and prove it immediately."—Washington Star.

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When the system is run down, a tonic must be taken, if one would get well. There is no better or surer tonic than that in the kidneys, and there is no sure health for the kidneys except through that well-tested, healing tonic, Morrow's Kidneyoids.

Morrow's Kidneyoids are prepared scientifically from remedial agents, tested for their special curative and tonic action upon the kidneys, and in such proportions and arrangements as will combine full strength with convenient size. They are made in tablet form, low in color, and are agreeable even to the most delicate stomach.

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Measles at Boody.
The measles are prevalent in the vicinity of Boody. The cases are not serious, but there are a number who are suffering with the disease.

Marriage at Warrensburg.
Miss Olive Lobewand and Dr. Melton will be married at the bride's home in Warrensburg next week. The invitations are out for the event.

Fire in the Country.
The home of Matthew Schwartz, three miles northeast of Decatur, was destroyed by fire this morning. Part of the contents removed caught fire and were consumed. It was with great difficulty that the barn was saved.

Palm Decorations.
Tomorrow will be Palm Sunday and in both St. John's and All Angels' Episcopal churches there will be handsome decorations of palms. Quite a number of palms were sent from Florida to the churches. Special music will be rendered at both churches.

River Still High.
The river is still quite high and it will be a long time before it will be back within its natural banks. The road leading over the Lost bridge southeast of the city, is entirely cut off. The road is under water for a quarter of a mile west of the bridge. Many of the corn fields in the bottom lands are covered with water and will probably not be in shape in time for planting.

New Tenants.
H. L. Oldham has rented a number of rooms in Powers' block, which are being taken possession of by new tenants. Dr. E. A. Morgan and Dr. T. S. Childs have taken a handsome suite of rooms at the corner of the fourth floor. E. J. Wolfe, the railroad man, has taken an office on the fourth floor. John A. Brown has a suite of rooms on the fourth floor and C. A. Hopp has taken two rooms on the third floor of the building.

Mr. and Mrs. Phillips Surprised.
A number of the friends and neighbors of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Phillips of West Prairie street called upon them last evening and spent the evening with them in an informal manner. It was the occasion of Mr. Phillips' first birthday anniversary and his guests succeeded in convincing him that he was slightly mistaken in his assertions that no one could surprise him. The gifts which were brought by the guests were meant to be a part of the surprise and were a success.

Success of Common Sense Insurance.
This settlement shows how thoroughly the Knights Templars and Mason's Life Insurance Co. of Chicago carries out its contracts. Fifteen years of continuous success and good management has placed the company on so solid a foundation that it stands without a peer in all it undertakes to do. Thorough business and straight men at the head. The Decatur National Bank holds a check for \$5,191.58 made payable to Elizabeth May, on policy No. 4753 on the life of the late Henry May of this city. \$151.58 accumulations on above policy cost Mr. May on the average about \$50 a year to provide this protection. Rev. H. O. Hoffman and J. M. Gove have written up 85 of our best citizens in this staunch old company and will be here only a few days longer. A card or a call at 412 North Water street will be attended to.

Missionary Meeting.
The ladies of the Home Missionary society of the First M. E. church held a meeting at the residence of Mrs. William Martin on West Wood street yesterday afternoon. The subject for the lesson was "Christ's Mission to the World." Mrs. Randall led the meeting. Talks were made on the subject by Mesdames Payne, Mark and Bethel. Tea was served at 6 o'clock and was followed by a short program in the evening. The numbers on the program were: Reading by Miss Florence McNally, vocal solo by Miss Irene Sikes, and numbers on the mandolin and guitar given by Mr. and Mrs. Bert Conklin. The meeting was most enjoyable as was expected with Mrs. Martin and her daughter, Miss Maude, as hostesses. Eleven dollars were contributed toward the general mission fund.

Dunston and Moffitt.
Ede. Republican:—I see by the morning Review that my old time friend, Charley Moffitt, says that he is not a speech maker. I can assure your readers that I know better. I know of the greatest speech of his life. It was made in a very early day at Hot Springs, Ark. I remember distinctly every word of it. Last night he goes on in his second great effort in his speech before the assembled coal miners and said: "Gentlemen and brother workmen—My pa was the man who fed the strikers of '97. W. W. Foster was the man who took up a gun to keep the strikers from the city." It does appear to me that Arkansas Charley has forgotten that W. W. Foster never had the chance to be mayor of the city, nor owned a farm whereby he could raise the fattest calf to feed a regiment of strikers. I can assure you on the honor of a horsehoe, that when W. W. Foster assesses the city one more year and serves four more years as sheriff of Macon county he will be able to feed the hungry and drink the dry, no matter how many there may be. I am your obedient servant.

A. J. DUNSTON,
Best Horsehoe on Earth.

The water has gone down at the East Park chapel so that it will be possible to hold Sunday school there tomorrow.

COUNTY CONVENTION

Democrats Meet at Court
House for Action.

THREE SETS OF DELEGATES

Chosen to Attend State, Congressional
and Senatorial Conventions—J.

T. Whitley Elected Chair-
man—Gray, Secretary.

The Democrats of Macon county held a convention today in the circuit court room for the purpose of selecting delegates to the senatorial, congressional and state conventions. There were in attendance 111 delegates and probably 35 others who were not delegates. B. F. Caldwell and prominent county Democrats, were in attendance.

The first session was called to order at 11 o'clock by H. M. Bragg. He said that he had been requested by the county central committee to select J. T. Whitley as temporary chairman. Mr. Whitley took the chair amid applause and made a short address. He said that the time had come when the Democrats had a show, not a fighting show, but a winning show. He stated that the Republican party had in 1890 promised that if their candidate was elected there would be a return of prosperity and then he went on to enumerate some of the things that he considered the Republicans had promised to do and had not done. He touched upon the Cuban question and the Maine disaster. He said the people were rising up and forcing the administration to action. The speaker said that in this city placards of assignee's sales, and vacant store room and vacant houses were found and that if there was any prosperity it ought to have struck this place. The principles of the Democratic party were all right and had always been right and he thought that none of the men present regretted that they had voted the Democratic ticket in 1898.

On motion of Mr. Mancke Henry J. Shaffer of Niantic was selected as temporary secretary. The secretary read the call for the convention for the selection of congressional and state convention delegates. Mr. Bragg stated that on account of a misunderstanding it had not been mentioned in the call that delegates to the senatorial convention were also to be named. It was stated that the question was out of order because the organization was not permanent. The motion was withdrawn and J. M. Gray moved that the temporary organization be made permanent and the motion carried.

It was then decided on motion of J. M. Gray to call the roll of the different precincts and have the chairmen answer and if there were no contests the committee on credentials could be dispensed with. Marshall Griffith was appointed as assistant secretary.

Mr. Bragg then made his statement again. He said that the matter of stating in the call that 12 delegates to the senatorial convention were to be selected was overlooked and he moved that they be so selected today as otherwise it would be necessary to call another convention which would be of great inconvenience to the farmers.

S. S. Jack thought this was all wrong. The matter had not been canvassed and most of the delegates present did not know that the senatorial delegates were to be selected today and besides there should be 24 instead of 12. The question as to which district this county would be in was as yet unsettled. He thought it was unwise for a convention to take up a new matter and that the selection of the senatorial delegates should not be hurried so that a man who would represent the people could be chosen.

Mr. Bragg said, "God Almighty knows I don't want anything, but I thought it would be more convenient. Mr. Jack, who is generally so smooth, seems to have his hair ruffled today." He suggested that possibly Mr. Jack had an ax to grind in postponing matters and that he for his part had perfect confidence in the Democrats who were present and was willing to trust them as delegates to the senatorial convention.

The chair appointed W. E. Nelson of Decatur, Roy James of Austin and Arthur Hartley of Decatur as a committee on resolutions.

A committee to select delegates to the conventions was appointed as follows:

J. M. Gray, B. F. Shipley of Macon and Dr. Connolly of Hartletown. The committee was instructed to look up the number of delegates Macon county is entitled to at the senatorial convention and an adjournment was taken until 1:30 p. m.

DELEGATES CHOSEN.

The report of the committee on selecting delegates was made by J. M. Gray. He reported the following delegations:

For State Convention—H. M. Bragg, J. J. Donahue, A. G. Webber, S. S. Jack, I. A. Buckingham, M. C. Griffin, Dr. Anderson, C. C. Leforgee, W. H. Eley, W. S. Smith, J. Muldoon, J. J. Graves.

For Congressional Convention—H. Mancke, D. J. Cloyd, W. E. Nelson, Henry J. Shaffer, Thomas Eddy, C. H. Collins, C. P. Ellis, R. A. Peake, Andrew Hawyard, William M. Austin, C. P. Thrift, Fred Cressen, James Lichtenberger, W. G. Barnes.

On motion of Mr. Mancke the delegates were instructed for Benjamin F. Caldwell for congress.

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